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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN ATTACK - MILITARY UPDATE

FOLLOWING IS MILITARY SITUATION LEARNED BY CZAMISH FROM
GENERAL BABIA AS OF 092100Z MAR 77:

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1. ENEMY FORCES:

A. GROUND SITUATION APPEARS TO BE STABILIZED WITH ENEMY STILL
OCCUPYING TOWNS OF KAPANGA, DILOLO, AND KISENGE. WITH EXCEPTION OF
COMPANY SIZE FORCE, KISENGE AREA ENEMY STRENGTH AT OTHER LOCA-
TIONS STILL NOT KNOWN.

B. BABIA RECEIVED REPORT FROM COL. MAMPA LATE AFTERNOON THAT ENEMY ESTABLISHING AIRHEAD IN KISENGE AREA. AIRCRAFT SEEN FLYING FROM ANGOLA AND APPEAR TO BE LANDING KISENGE. BABIA STATED ONLY INITIAL REPORT; HE IS ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY.

2. FRIENDLY FORCES:

A. LEAD ELEMENTS OF 2ND PARA BN SUPPORTED BY ARMOR TROOP C HAVE REACHED DIVUMA ASTRIDE MAIN EAST-WEST KOLWEZI-DILOLO HIGHWAY. NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED. IN DISCUSSION WITH BABIA AND COL. SOMAO, OVERALL ARMOR COMMANDER OF FAZ FORCES, THEY ASSURED CZAMISH THAT TWENTY-NINE OF THIRTY-TWO PANHARDS OPERATIONAL.

B. BABIA PLANS TO REINFORCE KAMINA, KOLWEZI, AND LUBUMBASHI COMMENCING 11 MAR 77. PLAN IS TO DRAW THREE BNS(-) FROM MIKONDO BRIGADE LOCATED KINSHASA AREA AND MOVE BY C130 AIRCRAFT TO ABOVE LOCATIONS. AT EACH LOCATION THERE WILL BE THREE RIFLE COMPANIES OF 150 MEN EACH, SMALL COMMAND AND CENTRAL ELEMENT PLUS LOGISTIC PERSONNEL. TOTAL FOR EACH AREA WILL BE A 500 MAN FORCE. BABIA WILL ESTABLISH A THREE-MAN LOGISTIC TEAM FROM DDN AT EACH LOCATION. HE HAS RELEASED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND ZAIRES, THIRTY THOUSAND PER AREA AND TEN THOUSAND IN RESERVE FOR PURPOSE OF BUYING FOOD FOR TROOPS. WHEN QUERIED ON AVAILABILITY OF POL FOR A MOVE OF THIS MAGNITUDE, BABIA RESPONDED THAT MOBUTU HAS AUTHORIZED TWO MILLION DOLLARS U.S. FOR PURCHASE OF NEEDED POL.

C. COMMANDER OF ALL GROUND TROOPS IN AREA IS COL. MAMPA WITH COL. ELUKI ACTING AS DEPUTY.
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